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that they may become
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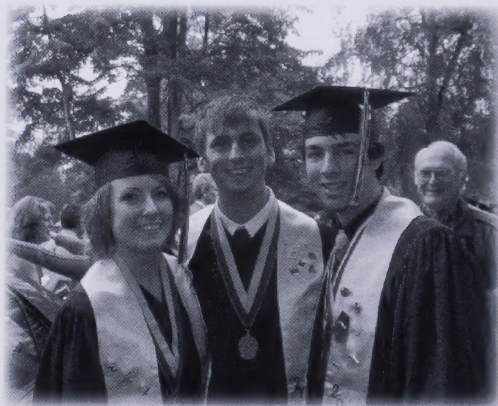
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Stephanie Joice, Marty Toebe, and Kurtis Hallam, Class of 2008



Civil War History Tour

This past Spring, March 19-29, twenty students from AAA and eight students from PSAA had the opportunity to experience sights from the Civil War. Their journey included eight states, from Tennessee to Washington D.C. They were accompanied by AAA teachers John Spano, Kevin Ramkissoon and Mary Kobberstad, along with PSAA sponsors Howard Munson and Charlie Smith.



Enna Kelly, Jennifer Landaverde, Karsten Cook, and Lizzy Altman take in the history at Manassas National Battlefield Park, where the Battle of Bull Run occurred.



The Civil War History Tour Group in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.



A.J. Jones, Katie Worthington, Sainibou Jallow, Linda Lee, Kelsey Grattias, Karsten Cook, and William Mitchell pose in front of the White House.



The students took a trip up Stone Mountain, Ga., one of the largest exposed granite 'stone' in the world.



Stone Mountain is considered the Confederate equivalent of Mt. Rushmore because of its carving of Stonewall Jackson, Robert E. Lee, and Jefferson Davis.

Event Calendar

August 24	AAA Registration
August 25	School Begins
September 14-25	AAA Phonathon
November 23-30	Thanksgiving Break
December 4-7	Journey to Bethlehem
December 7	Committee of 100 Brunch and Business Meeting
December 12 & 13	AAA Christmas Concert

AAA Mission

Mission: Mozambique

"Bazza Bazza!"

by Alex Paulsen

We arrived at the job site for the first time seeing thousands of bricks sitting in monstrous stacks by a hollow frame of the soon-to-be school house positioned in the center. There was a job that needed to be done and we were the ones to complete it. Students from Auburn Adventist Academy gave up their Spring Break and paid a hefty cost to go to Mozambique to help the people



AAA students form a chain line to move a stack of cinder blocks.

of Shi-Shi. The job at hand was to work on putting up [the walls to the six room school house] metal frame and start on the cinder blocks that would surround the schools property. Although mission trips can be centered on the physical aspects of building projects, that is not the main focus of these trips.

This year Harmony Smith put on a VBS for the local children of Maputo each morning with the help of Auburn students. Each day they would sing songs, tell bible stories, and work on crafts. Stephanie Joice



Harmony Smith '05, AAA's girl's task-force dean, organized a VBS program.

said, "It was touching to see the kids interacting and sharing with each other."

After a day at the job site the group would head back to camp where we indulged in Mrs. Goltz's amazing cooking abilities. If you were lucky you could snag a shower before the limited supply of water ran out. This is how we lived in Mozambique, but honestly, we had it easy.

Seeing the locals in Mozambique, you realize how happy and content they are with so little. Here in the United States we tend to take the little things for granted. On the second Sabbath we were in Mozambique, we decided to do something different than the norm so far on the trip. Instead of taking a trip to the beach or exploring an island in the Indian Ocean, we drove



AAA Mission Trip Team 2008

out to the bush to attend a Seventh-day Adventist Church. While we were there we were able to listen to them sing songs in their native language and hear their pastor preach the gospel.

All at once it made me realize why it is that we go on these trips. Yes, it is for the building projects and to travel to a new place on the globe, but it is far more than that. The local people only wanted to share God's love with us. To



A local Shi-Shi girl participates in song service at VBS.

share the gospel and the good news they found in the Bible. We go there to change the world and make a difference. But I think in the long run we end up getting back far more than we ever gave. This mission trip

changed many parts of my love and it also changed the lives of many students of Auburn.



Mission: Philippines

by Evan Pleitez

Looking for a new exciting way to spend your Spring Break next year? The students who went on the Philippines mission trip can sure tell you a great way to spend your time. Starting on March 14th & 15th of the week before Spring Break, this year's missionaries headed out; a conglomeration of volunteer students from Auburn, as well as some parents led by their fretless commander Pastor J. Coon.

The fantastic

food was provided by a local cook, including Filipino food, as well as sweet bread and fresh mangos at each meal created a memorable culinary experience.

Participant Rosemarie

Messinger recalls breathtaking

scenery, especially the waterfalls as well as building additions to the school and medical center. Messinger especially enjoyed the evangelistic meetings, as well as the small group workshops that took

place in the mornings.

Make no mistakes, there was much work required in building the school and medical center, but those who went have found themselves well rewarded.



Emily Fletcher '11 gathers with a group of children from the local Adventist school



Kaylah Niemann '08 assists a volunteer dentist in one of the clinics set up by the missionaries.



Pastor Jay Coon of the Auburn Academy Church led a group of students and adults on a mission trip to the Philippines

Mission: Kenya

Mission for Masai

by Karissa Rogers

Although the mission to share God with the Masai tribe in Kenya, Africa was not sponsored by AAA, twelve of our fellow students stepped forward and joined the team. Rick ('74) and Delray Luce led this exciting adventure for the second time bringing along 32 people in total. Mr. Luce, who has now trekked to the Masai lands for eight consecutive years, gives his motives for beginning his own mission group: "I wanted other people to experience what I had. The sights, the animals, the people..."

Curious Masai children learned

about God's love at Vacation Bible School; locals who were hurting flocked to the medical clinic to be treated by Dr. Donald Sharman; and many barefoot and barebacked people were given new shoes and clothes.

The most tiring project conquered by these missionaries was the kitchen/cafeteria built at the Olopikidongoe School. Now these kids, ranging from preschool to



AAA students helped construct a new cafeteria for the Masai tribe.



The mission trip participants join the Masai in a traditional tribal dance.

eighth grade can have sanitary food and shelter in the months of the "long rains" (March to May), and shade from the fiery African sun.

Instead of spending a leisurely Spring Break back in the States, these academy students were breaking their tailbones on the unpaved roads of Kenya but, as Kaisha Corbett puts it, "I wouldn't have it any other way."

Alumni News (did you know?)



A group of Romeo's Kids gather for a photo with a picture of Romeo Lee Hubbs, AAA principal from 1937-1941

What is a Romeo's Kid?

Romeo's Kids are a group of Auburn Alumni that attended AAA under the principalship of Romeo L. Hubbs. Romeo's Kids began meeting in College Place, Wash. during the late 1970's, although they weren't known as "Romeo's Kids" until 1986 when they established an official name for the some 150 people that formed the Hubbs reunion group. Every year Romeo's Kids meet back at AAA to share in the memory AAA and it's beloved principal.

Romeo Hubbs was known for his radiating cheerfulness, good humor, and exceptional Christian character. With his unforgettable personality, he made his students love their school, both of which they have never forgotten.

Cesar Umayam Scholarship

Cesar Umayam was a 1972 Auburn Adventist Academy graduate. He cherished AAA and the lifelong friendships that he developed while attending. He believed in the values of a Christian education and a life of service to others. In October 2004, Cesar died from injuries resulting from accident while building a house. Each year since his tragic and untimely death, the Cesar Umayam Memorial Endowment Fund has contributed to the Christian education of our youth. This endowment was established by his wife, Diane, and their many friends to honor Cesar's memory by providing tuition assistance to worthy students.



This year the Cesar Umayam Scholarship went to three students. (L-R): Luis Reyes, ClaraMae Fichtner, and Nicole Bartlett.

Alumni Endowment Scholarship

This year, twenty students were awarded scholarships ranging from \$200 to \$1000 through the support of the Alumni Endowment Scholarship Fund. Each year it costs a little more to attend Auburn Adventist Academy. This year it became a little easier for twenty students to receive a Christian education. Many praises and thanks to those of you who support our students through the Alumni Endowment Fund, Worthy Student Fund, and other scholarships. Every little bit makes a world of difference!



The 2008 Alumni Endowment scholarship recipients

Remembering Alumni Weekend 2008

Alumni Banquet



Alumni start the weekend off by registering for the Alumni Banquet.



Dr. Claran Jesse '33 partakes in the delicious buffet at the Alumni Banquet.



Two friends spend some time catching up.

Golf Tournament



J.B. Rupert and Marlin Meharry ponder on the green.



Alumni Golf Tournament winners Chuck Detweiler, Dean Paulsen, Jim Zapara, and Lawrence Froid.



Team Bock works hard on the putting green.

Worship Service

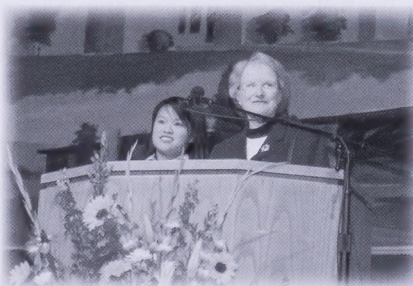
Basketball Tournament



Amanda Kobberstad '04 concentrates on shooting a free-throw.



Jessica Kilgore '05 dribbles the ball down the court for the Alumni women's team



Megan Tan '08 and Judy Toop, former faculty, lead the Alumni Roll Call on Sabbath morning.

The Class of 1978 shares in music and praise during the worship service



Reunion Class Photos

Seattle Junior Academy

First Row: Clinton Cornell, Bill Kramer, Bonnie Johnson (Henkes), Sandra White (Clough), Frances Johnson (Staker), Vicky Hoening (Tyrrel), Christina Hom (Fong). **Second Row:** Lee Cooley, Allan Bodine, Charlie Pitts, Joanne Rasco (Careich), Roan Robins (Dahlbeck), Angie Redford (Mayo), Darlene Peisley (Cook), Ray Gonzalez.



Pioneers and Romeo's Kids

First Row: Lucille Schultz (Graham), Iris Donaldson (Masterman), Wilma Neely (Bissell), Wilma Mittleider (Gates), Angie Redford (Mayo), Dorothy McCoy (Johnson), Marjorie Langdon (Heckendorn). **Second Row:** Allen McCoy, Howard Neely, Harvey Miller, Henry Mittleider, Bill Redford.



Class of 1948

First Row: D. Lori Bruington (Dickman), Melvin Johnson, Mary Nations (Spent), C. Lorine Schumann (Henriksen), Greta Berry (Wellman), Marjorie Moreno (Mundy), Verna Janssen (Stivers). **Second Row:** Janet Lamberton (Flahaut), Myrna Dempsey (Welsh), Olen Nations, Gordon Raley, Fern Armbruster (Wagner), Dorothy Ridley (Doll), Donald Bartholemew, Stanley Desjardins. **Third Row:** Ted Lutts, Jim Crawford, Walt Meske, Paul Gordon, Harlan Paddock, Bill Landeen, Dick Janssen, Jim Holder.



Class of 1953

First Row: Ann Parmenter (La Sage), Ellen Casebolt (Gerard), Ulene Allen (Rushald), Diane Taylor (Biggar), Grace Wright (McGibney), Lorraine Day (Osborn), Helen Yanke (Thiel), Pattie Peisley (Walter), Ida Warner (Knopp), Joyce Knutson (Johnston), Myrtle Sumerlin (Waters). **Second Row:** Juanita Tupper (Waters), Pat Johnston (Pearson), David Peters, Doreen Douglas (Tupper), Richard Roberts, Donald Martin, Earle Post, Bud Wagner, Bill Wagner. **Third Row:** Bill Pershall, Van Roberts, Duane Campbell, Dale Chambers, Norm Parmenter, Truman Johnson, Louis St. Clair, Jay Shenk, Ron Knutson.



Class of 1963

First Row: Steve Kelln, Lila Petroff (Roup). **Second Row:** Birdena Wentland (Wendt), Donna Hamlet (McMahon), Donna Pihl, Angie Austin (Sanborn). **Third Row:** Wayne Wentland, Yvonne Vouvakis (Tolf), Lorraine Mittleider, Tookie Wren.



Class of 1968

First Row: Cheryl Lowe, Virginia Becker (Martin), Diana Anderson (Edwards), Florana Jewell (Oame), Karen Stefonek (Rupert), Kathy Henriksen (Aitchison), Pam Egan (Ludwig), Bobbie Flick (Kyte), Emily Canwell (Wymann). **Second Row:** Ken White, Dale Mundy, Lauri Rootvik (Libby), Barry Long, Carol Meier (Tapp), Laura Bennett (Cooley), Mary Meyhew (Mulholland), Annette Johnson (Bolyard), Connie Murphy (Martin), David Rodriguez. **Third Row:** Terry Bock, Susan Helland, Tom Becraft, Doug McCoy, Cindy McCulloh (Currie), Janis Dove (Kirkendall), Lennie Warren (Hedlund), Bernie Schwisow, Diana Rossm (Jackson), Bonnie Swin (LaPorte), Leonard Powell, Karen Weismiller (Anderson). **Fourth Row:** Paul Karny, Wendell Downs, Larry Chadwick, Steve Aust, Steve McCulloh, Ray Johnson, Anita Bouse (Swanson), Kathy Wenger (Brown), Keith Perman, Ron Tilley, Connie Palmer (McClannahan), Larry Gohl, Valerie Remboldt (Dwyer), Fred Thompson.



Reunion Class Photos



Class of 1978

First Row: Bryan Kuehl, Ruth Lemus (Arjona) Paula Pfiel, Sandi Young (Wagner), Cynthia Hawkins (Dutterrow), Linda Hudson (Mitchell), Jennifer McBeth (Powell), Gary Golden, Rich Old. **Second Row:** David Jensen, Dennis Dickerson, Joel Littell, Dan Schlund, June Schwartz Cross, Laura Kimbrough, Tralese Syvertson (Wilson), Joni Barns (Blasdel), Ken Wilman, Bruce Jepson, Jeff Boze. **Third Row:** Beth Cullinan (Gray), Rosalind Blackwell (Wilkinson), Justin Bannerman, Robin Brown (Soule), Marilyn Graham (Miller), Pam Hopkins (Provonsa), Linda Jennings (Aime), Ginger Burnett (Justinen), Laurie Turner (Altman), Darla Tillinghast (Pagan), Kelly Schreiber (Teeter), Carmen Riederer (Douglas), Dwight Riederer, Gary Mohr. **Fourth Row:** Doug Pualsen, Greg Gratias, Atom Biggs, Greg Patchen, Bruce Sprague, Dean Tupper, Jeff Strike, Doyle Hubbard, Shelly Hubbard (Roper), Trenton Coleman, George Lowe, Angus Fraser, Mike Corwin.

Class of 1983

First Row: Lisa Champlain (Schumacher), Karen Garcia (Ness), Paul Esselbach, Brenda Lyons (Gillan), Mia Pai (Jones). **Second Row:** Stan Nelson, Shelly Robinson (Corwin), Kevin Cox, Tamera Meeks (Bauer), Joe Luce, Scott Davis. **Third Row:** Jeff Rasco, Dennis Anderson, Ann Cleveland (Ward), John Hilde, Ron Miller.

Class of 1988

First Row: Deonna Frichtl, Mary Dixon (Wiltse), Shelly Fritz (Jones), Cheri Veritch (Bergstrom), Julie Munko (Lopacek), Lisa Olson, Charlie Lains (gustin) Mandy Coward (Betts), Laue Hesser (Drowning), Becky Johnson, Terri-Lynn McDonald, Mark Campbell. **Second Row:** Lance Mohr, Casey Wolverton, Shannon Scott (Durkos), Nikki Bryan (Steffensen), Kirsten Cain, Marc Wagner, Heidi Gildersleeve, Julie Sandeis Keymer, Julie Kimitsuka (Martinsen), Jim Simmons, Ben Campomanes, Larrie Bixel (Miller), Natalie Bendsen (Peshall), Rebekka Reminuth (Fowler), Nicole Heathcock (Cain), Russell Lambeth, Dann Laini. **Third Row:** Tim Baker, Drena Putz, Weston Williams, Jennifer Bielas (Rowland), Jannette Shepherd (Hensel), Julie Mittleider, Corina Hansen (Roebuck), Cami Fresk, Mardi Perry (Klein), Cory Fletcher, Donald Collins, Jana Long (al-Urfali), Leland Booth, Renee Griggs (Kemmerer), Lisa Harding (Tabali), Kaleo Anders. **Fourth Row:** Dennis Cooper, Craig Hammond, Sam Tooley, Christopher Lake, David Parkhurst, Rayna Beck (Rosenberg), Kimberly Webber (Serl), Heather McQuarter (Hargrave), Cynthia Falter (Armstrong), JulieAnn Detwieler (Fischer), Laura Allen (Miner), Jon Dalrymple, Keith Lincoln, Shane Sceville, Kevin Kuehl.

Class of 1998

First Row: Stefan Kaiser, Melissa Murray (Richardson), Ashley Bailey (Johnson), Bryan Bailey, Bambi Perrin (Butler), Liz Rickaby (Murrell), Matt Rickaby, Angela Waymire, Anna Torfason, Christine Oltean (Gibson), Erin Engle. **Second Row:** Adam Woelk, Liesl Vistaunet (Fandrich), Angi Forrester (Collver), Ceri Myers, Jeff Downs, Deanna Berger, Tara VinCross (Vinyard), Tara Henry (Myers), Salena Culver (Reber), Rachel Miller (Miller), Mrs. Zabaarschuck, Tim Hill. **Third Row:** Renan Serrano, Brandon Carroll, Ross von Pohle, Scott Miner, Luke Loeffler, Scott Grecian, Stephanie Weldon (Gilliland), Clay Redke, Melissa Mundy, Mandi Leno, Micael Serrano, Tom Allen.

Class of 2003

Jessica Lee (Russell), Courtney Mundy, David Russell, Todd Davis, Kim Aeschlimann.

Class of 2007

First Row: Kelly Kraus (sponsor), Linda Stecker, Kiersten Reid, Kristina Hansen, Chelsea Callahan, Kelsey Dawson. **Second Row:** Katrina Fiedler, Vishesh Narula, Emily Crocker, Laura Hanes, Daniel Chulapamornsri, Ken Wileman (sponsor). **Third Row:** Firly Tinungki (Randonn), Amber Dawson, Kristen Mundy, Darren Field, Matthew Russell, Josh Corwin, Kendrick Mensink.

Distinguished Alumnus of the Year 2008

Wayne Wentland '63 has been very involved with Adventist

education ever since he was a student at AAA. Wayne came to Auburn Adventist Academy his junior year, in 1961, and later

went on to become the Casa Loma (boys' club) President his senior year. Wayne attended WWW where he graduated with a BA in History and English in 1967. He then returned to AAA to complete his student teaching under Ron Miller.

Wayne's ambition was to be a Dean of boys. His first job at AAA put him well on his way as he became the Assistant Boys' Dean. He also taught Washington State History and Current World Affairs for two years and later became the Head Boys' Dean for another two years during his first tour of AAA. In 1971, Wayne left Auburn to serve as the Dean of Boys' at San Pasqual Academy, Calif. and Blue Mountain Academy, Penn. He then moved back

to the northwest and took on the boys' dorm at Gem State Academy. It is also at GMA where Wayne started his administration career as the Vice Principal.

Wayne wanted to continue his education and received a M.Ed. in Secondary Education from the College of Idaho. In 1982, he served as the Principal of Gem State Academy. He continued at GMA until 1985, when he decided to return to Auburn Adventist Academy as Principal from 1985-1991. While at AAA, Wayne was instrumental in hiring many of the current faculty and staff. His motto is, "Always hire people smarter than yourself!"

After 7 years in administration at AAA, Wayne left for more tropical

waters and became the principal at Hawaiian Mission Academy and then back to California at Rio Lindo Academy. In 1998, Wayne

traded the West Coast for the East and served as the Vice President of Education for the Pennsylvania Conference from 1998-2004.

Wayne met and fell in love with his wife, Birdena (Wendt) '63, while attending Auburn Adventist Academy. They later married in 1966. Wayne and Birdena have two children, Wayne Ivan Wentland '88 and Eric Wentland '91.

Wayne is currently the Superintendent of Education for the Oregon Conference. He and his wife live in Gresham.

It is with honor that the 2008 Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented to you, Wayne. You, like those who have been honored before you, leave a legacy—that a life dedicated to Jesus is a life of service to others. Thank you for being that kind of example.



Wayne Wentland is presented with the 2008 Distinguished Alumnus Award at the Alumni Banquet on May 1, 2008.



Ila (Russell) Zbaraschuk '60 introduces Wayne as the 2008 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year.

Nomintate an Alumnus

Who will be the next Distinguished Alumnus of the Year?

Here's your chance to nominate that special Auburn Adventist Academy graduate who has made a mark in the world. The AAA Alumni Association seeks nominations for the Distinguished Alumnus Award. These individuals should be accomplished in their area of expertise or professional arena and have made a positive contribution to society and to God as a result of their work or life pursuits.

Please send your nominations along with nominee qualifications to:

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AAA's Departed

This school year was the last at AAA for 5 of our faculty and staff members.

Judy Toop retired as an Auburn Adventist Academy employee this last June. She began teaching at AAA in 1972. Judy taught in the Science Department for 36 years. She has moved back to her native Canada to be with her sister.



Dan McKey started his career at Auburn in 1987. After 21 years of service to AAA, Dan has retired.



Janet Turek Goltz '62, AAA's Food Service director began at Auburn in 1991. Since



retiring this summer, she and her husband, Willy, are moving to Southern California to be with their children.

Greg Hurlbert came to Auburn Adventist Academy in August 2000. After teaching in the Math Department for 8 years, he is continuing his service to Christian education at Columbia Academy in Battleground, Wash.

Wes Bradford '95 was the Wind Ensemble Director at AAA since 2001. He and his wife, Tanya, have moved to Port Hardy, B.C. along with their 3 children. Wes will be the Principal at Avalon Adventist Junior Academy in Port Hardy.

To all our faculty and staff that have departed from AAA this past year, we thank you for your dedication and service to our school and to Christian education. You will all be greatly missed!

Alumni News

Pam Provoncha Hopkins '78 has published her first book entitled "What Angry Kids Need: Parenting the Angry Child Without Going Mad". Pam earned her B.S.W. at Walla Walla University in 1982, and completed her M.S.W. at Walla Walla in 1991. She now resides in Snohomish with a private counseling practice in Woodinville.

Russell Hanscom '84 and his wife Jennifer reside in Kent, Wash. Russell has just started a new job as the Manager of the outpatient surgery center for Virginia Mason Medical Center in Federal Way.

In Memory

Vivian E. Nelson Cushman '25 passed away on Monday, January 14, 2008 in Lincoln, Neb. Born on December 5, 1907, she had just celebrated her 100th birthday.

Vivian had given her life to Christian education. She was a teacher in Seventh-day Adventist elementary and secondary schools in Southern California for thirty years. She then spent thirteen years as Dean of Women at La Sierra University.

Dale S. Taylor '50 passed away on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 in Deer Park, Calif. Dale was born on October 26, 1933 in Snoqualmie, Wash. and lived there with his family until age 16.

After attending Auburn Adventist

Academy for a few years, he graduated from Walla Walla Valley Academy in College Place, Wash. in 1951. He attended Walla Walla College one quarter before being inducted into the military. Corporal Taylor served in the U.S. Army from May 1953 to May 1955 in the United States and Korea. He received a Korean Service Medal, a National Defense Service Medal and a Good Conduct Medal for his service.

Dale worked as a mason for 55 years and began his own company, T & O Masonry, along with his business partner Richard Opp, in 1960. He loved NASCAR, deer hunting, fishing, and gardening.



Congratulations to the Class of 2008! **AAA welcomes you as our newest Alumni!**



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